

Seattle Police Email Community Newsletter

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Dear Community Friends,

Tweets By Beat: A Police Scanner Without the Static

If you read the [SPD Blotter](#), follow [@SeattlePD](#) on Twitter or have used SPD's [My Neighborhood crime map](#), you know it's easier than ever before to get information online about crime in your neighborhood.

Even with all that information available online, we still get a lot of questions on Twitter from neighbors about sirens in their neighborhoods and police cars parked at the end of their block. So we've come up with a simple way for you to get answers.

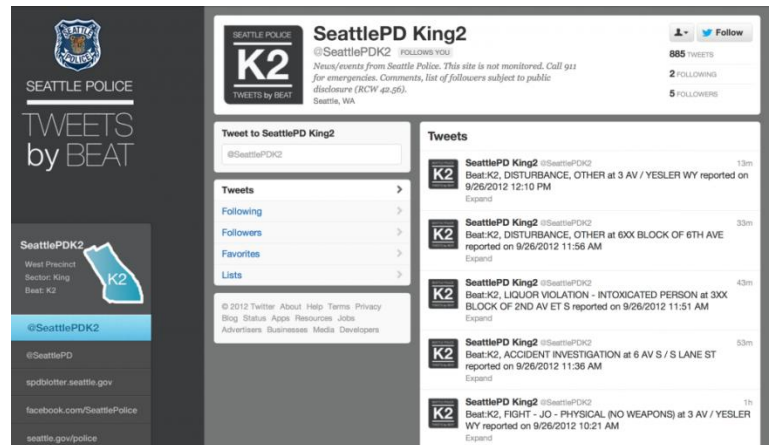
On September 26, 2012, as part of SPD's [20/20 policing plan](#), we've launched **Tweets By Beat**, allowing you to view police dispatches in each of Seattle's 51 police beats.

Tweets By Beat works a lot like a police scanner, giving you information about what type of crimes officers are responding to, and where those crimes are happening.

To use **Tweets By Beat**, go to www.seattle.gov/police/tweets, to lookup your police beat and go directly to the beat's Twitter page. Even if you aren't a regular Twitter user, you can still view the page and check it as often as you'd like.

There are a few caveats: in order to protect crime victims, officers, and the integrity of crime scenes, calls will appear on the Twitter feeds one hour after a dispatcher sends the call to an officer. The feeds also do not include information about domestic violence calls, sexual assaults, and other certain types of crimes.

Once you've spent some time following **Tweets By Beat**, we want to hear from you. Tweet us at [@SeattlePD](#), or email us at SPDNews@Seattle.gov and let us know what you think.
Written by Jonah Spangenthal-Lee, September 26, 2012



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will take place on **Saturday, September 29, 2012, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity for those who have accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of them. The purpose of this National Take Back Day is to provide a venue for persons who wanted to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. This effort has been a huge success in removing potentially dangerous prescription drugs, particularly controlled substances, from our nation's medicine cabinets.

If you have unused or expired prescription medication, you can turn them in at Seattle Police Department Precincts for safe disposal.

- **North Precinct**, 10049 College Way N, Seattle 98133
- **West Precinct**, 810 Virginia ST, Seattle, 98101
- **East Precinct**, 1519 12th Ave, Seattle, 98122
- **South Precinct**, 3001 S. Myrtle ST, Seattle, 98108
- **Southwest Precinct**, 2300 SW Webster ST, Seattle, 98106

Intravenous solutions, injectibles, syringes or medical waste will not be accepted

For more information on prescription drug abuse and the national take back Initiative, please check out the following websites:

www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html; www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com;
www.justthinktwice.com

Thank you for all you do for your neighborhoods. Until next time, Take Care and Stay Safe!

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